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## THE EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS.

Points and Paragraphs of Things  
Present, Past and Future.

The latest electrical appliance on  
railways is a machine fixed to a flat  
car for killing weeds that overrun  
the railroad's right of way in sparsely set-  
tled districts. It is a machine with  
electric brushes arranged so that as the  
car moves along the brushes sweep  
against the weeds and kill them.

The death of "Brick" Pomeroy, which  
occurred recently leaves a gap in the  
line of newspaper writers of his kind  
that will remain a gap for a long time.  
A quarter of a century ago Pome-  
roy's papers were eagerly read by the  
thousands all over this country. He  
was a most remarkable man of his  
time and saw many ups and downs,  
successes and failures in journalistic  
life.

It has been given out that General  
Weyer expects that by June 1897 the  
Spanish powers will have subdued the  
island of Cuba and the war will be  
ended. In the face of this, however, the  
statement is made that Spain has al-  
ready lost more men in the war than  
there are Cubans under arms. The  
prevailing opinion, it seems, outside of  
Spain and Spain's sympathizers is,  
that if the Cubans stick to it awhile  
longer they will win their cause. And  
all Americans will be delighted to see  
such vent.

The great Confederate reunion in  
Richmond last week brought together  
almost unnumbered thousands who en-  
gaged in the impressive ceremonies.  
Governor O'Ferrill's speech of welcome  
was eloquent and many touching inci-  
dents were related in the various  
speeches made. It was a time and an  
occasion that awakened many sad mem-  
ories and that caused the fire of battle  
to flash again for a moment from the  
eyes of many a battle-scarred veteran.  
The old soldiers of both sides are fast  
passing away and the annual reunions  
a decade hence will see only a sprink-  
ling of either those who wore the gray  
or those who wore the blue.

Leslie's Weekly says that if you de-  
populate New York City and sweep it  
clean and turn the Christian Endeavor  
workers of the world into it Gotham's  
population will be fully replaced.  
And on the outside there will still  
be seven hundred thousand knock-  
ing at the gates. This shows a great  
army of Christian Endeavorers, in-  
deed. To one who gives no thought  
to matters pertaining to religion and  
morality, such statements are astonish-  
ing; but there are willing workers for  
the depraved of humanity all over  
this world, however much some prate  
about the natural depravity of the race.

"Aseptolin" is a fluid which Dr. Cy-  
rus Edson has successfully used in the  
curing of consumption. It is said that  
in many cases imitations have been  
used but proved a fatal poison. The  
aseptolin prepared in Dr. Edson's lab-  
oratory has cured between fifty and  
sixty per cent. of the cases which have  
been treated with it. One case is most  
remarkable. It is said that Dr. Edson  
did not wish to undertake the man's  
case as one lung was entirely gone; but  
after seven months' treatment he is  
practically well, does not cough and  
can take strong exercise. Surely the  
posteriority of ages to come will bless  
the memory of Dr. Edson if indeed he  
can make possible the cure of this disease  
most dreaded by all people everywhere.

Mr. N. K. Fairbank, the millionaire  
pork-packer of Chicago, became inter-  
ested in pretty Mrs. Leslie Carter after  
her sensational divorce in that city  
some years ago, and engaged Mr. Da-  
vid Belasco, the dramatist and stage  
manager, to train Mrs. Leslie Carter  
for the stage. Mr. Belasco went to  
work with his fair pupil, trained her  
for two years, and he says she worked  
hard and really accomplished much  
more than ordinarily is done in that  
line. When he brought in his little  
bill to Mr. Fairbank which read "sixty-  
five thousand dollars," Mr. Fairbank  
refused to pay it. There is, therefore,  
a suit over the trifling sum of tuition  
for learning a pretty woman how to be  
an actress.

## A MISUNDERSTANDING.

"My sweetest grandchild, Margaret—  
What's put the child in such a pet?  
(Come, quickly now the cause reveal.)  
"Papa won't let me have a wheel,  
Maud Margaret sobbed, with streaming  
eyes.

Her grandma listened with surprise.  
"Won't let thee have a wheel, my dear?  
That certainly is very queer!  
How can my son be such a goose?  
Perhaps he thinks it's not for use,  
And that thee wants it just for show.  
That's his opinion, well I know."

"No, papa says he can't afford,  
And will not hear a single word.  
Now, grandma, isn't it a sin,  
For if I had one, how I'd spin!"  
"Well, well-a-day, it is a shame!"  
Exclaimed the dear old Quaker dame.

"But thee shall have thy wheel, my  
dear,  
So wipe away that needless tear.  
I do not see the reason why  
Thy father frowns at industry;  
For in the good time, long ago,  
Each maiden had her wheel, I trow.  
A blooming lass her wheel beside,  
Is surely sight to view with pride.  
So here's the money, sweet, for thee,  
Go, buy thy wheel right speedily."

Alas for gray-haired innocence!  
The dame, with horror, most intense,  
Espied, upon the following day,  
Maid Margaret spinning blithe and gay.  
Her task she never loitered at,  
But it was on her wheel she sat.  
Ere long stood grandma's tresses gray,  
And then she fainted dead away!

—Lena C. Kretzer.

## Thrift.

Biblical Recorder.

Every man ought to desire to be well-  
to-do. He has a right to expect to be  
if he is honest and industrious—and  
his wife is thrifty. The plain people  
of the South have the great secret of  
success, from a domestic standpoint,  
yet to learn. It is hidden in the word  
"thrift." It is said that Benjamin  
Franklin made New England wealthy  
by teaching the people this lesson.  
Thrift lays by a little money, no mat-  
ter how little, and is not discouraged if  
the pile does not grow as fast as hope  
had had it. Thrift buys a home, even  
if fine dresses and costly parties have to  
be dispensed with. Thrift never wastes  
anything; it saves the odds and ends,  
making use of the scraps, whether they  
are of clothes, or victuals, or time.  
Thrift educates the children, if not at  
great schools, in the neighborhood  
school-house; if not there, in the home.  
Write that word large above your  
hearthstone:—THRIFT.

## Patience With Teams.

Boston Cultivator.

The quality of farm help is more  
nearly tested by its ability to manage a  
team without abusing it than by any  
other one thing. The horse is a sensi-  
tive, nervous animal, and if abused, as  
it often is, it soon becomes restless, and  
finally obstinate and vicious. A great  
many horses are ruined by the poor  
quality of farm help, which is now so  
common. If better help cannot be  
procured it may be necessary to do as is  
done by Southern farmers, breed mules,  
which will resent ill treatment so  
promptly that they will be less likely to  
be abused than is the horse. For very  
rough work among stumps and on rocky  
land oxen will do better work, and be  
less liable to break farm implements  
than will horses. Ox teams were com-  
mon in the early days, when there was  
much wood land to be cleared, and  
they can even yet be used with advan-  
tage in many places.

## Tough Customers.

Selected.

A good story is told of a Connecticut  
parson. His country parish raised his  
salary from three hundred to four hun-  
dred dollars. The good man objected  
to three reasons:

"First," said he, "because you can't

afford to give more than three hun-

dred.

"Second because my preaching is

not worth more than that.

"Third, because I have to collect my

salary, which heretofore, has been the

hardest part of my labors among you.

If I had to collect an additional hun-

dred it would kill me."

The Shakers of Mount Lebanon, a

community of simple, honest, God-fear-

ing men and women, have prepared

Shaker Digestive Cordial for many

years, and it is always the same, simple,

## A NEW KIND.

EFFECT OF TEA CIGARETTES.

They Give One a Sensation of Thick-  
ening in the Head.

Cincinnati Tribune.

One of the most injurious and dan-  
gerous of new fashions is the tea cigar-  
ette. That this is no empty, baseless  
story of a new craze is shown by the  
application made last week to the com-  
missioner of internal revenue at Wash-  
ington for permission to manufacture  
tea cigarettes in Michigan. The ap-  
plicant was told that he must comply  
with the law governing the manufact-  
uring of tobacco cigarettes, tea being  
a substitute for tobacco, that he must  
register, give bond and so on, and that  
the cigarettes, when made, must be  
packed, stamped, branded and labeled,  
exactly as the tobacco cigarettes, be-  
fore the government would sanction  
their removal from the factory for sale.

Several descriptions of the tea cigar-  
ette have been printed, but these have  
erred in the presumption that the tea  
was taken as sold, rolled up in a paper  
and smoked. This would be practical-  
ly impossible, as the sharp edges of the  
tea would cut the paper in all direct-  
ions, spoil the draft and render the  
cigarettes unsmokable.

To make the tea cigarette one takes  
a green leaf which has but little dust,  
being composed of unbroken leaf, and  
dampens it carefully, just enough to  
permit the leaves to be unrolled with-  
out being broken, and so as to be left  
pliable and capable of being stuffed  
in two paper cylinders, while the damp-  
ness is not sufficient to stain the paper.  
The cigarettes are laid aside for a few  
days and are then ready to be smoked.

The feeling of a tea cigarette in the  
mouth is peculiar. The taste is not so  
disagreeable as might be supposed, but  
the effect on the tyro is a sense of  
thickening in the head and a disposi-  
tion to take hold of something or sit  
down. If the beginner quits them,  
that settles it, he will not try tea cigar-  
ettes again. If, however, the smoker  
sits down and tries a second cigarette,  
inhaling it deeply, then the thickening  
feeling passes and is succeeded by one  
of intense exhilaration. The nerves  
are stimulated until the smoker feels  
like flying, skirt dancing or doing  
something else entirely out of the com-  
mon way. This stage lasts as long as  
the smoke continues, which is until the  
reaction of the stomach sets in.

Words cannot describe the final ef-  
fects of the tea cigarette. The agony  
of the opium fiend is a shadow to that  
of the nauseated victim of the tea cigar-  
ette. It will be hours before food  
can be looked at, yet the first step to-  
ward a cure is a cup of tea. An hour  
afterward comes the craving for the  
tea cigarette.

## The Largest School in the World.

New York Dispatch.

Within a stone's throw of Whitechap-  
el, London, surrounded by some of the  
very worst slums, stands the largest  
school in the world. It is presided over  
by a peer of the realm, Lord Rothschild,  
who is regarded with love and admi-  
ration by every pupil, for he is indeed  
their good fairy. This school educates  
3,500 children belonging mostly to the  
poorest foreign Jews, and has a staff of  
a hundred teachers.

It is well-known that this is Lord  
Rothschild's pet institution, and that  
were it not for his munificent support,  
the school would be unable to meet its  
vast expenditure. It is owing to his  
generosity that free breakfasts are given  
every morning to all children who  
wish them, no question being asked.  
Again, he presents every boy with a  
suit of clothes and a pair of boots, and  
every girl with a dress and a pair of  
boots in the month of April, near the  
Jewish Passover.

An idea of the poverty of the child-  
ren may be gleaned from the fact that  
not more than two per cent. of them  
decline to avail themselves of this char-  
ity. A second pair of boots is offered  
in the month of October to every child  
whose boots are not likely to last dur-  
ing the approaching winter. It is  
scarcely necessary to state that few do  
not get them.

A very popular feature in the school  
is the savings bank department, insti-  
tuted by the kindly president. In or-  
der to encourage habits of thrift, he al-  
lows an interest of ten per cent. per an-  
num on all savings, the said savings  
not to exceed £5 in a year. The teach-  
ers are also permitted to avail them-  
selves of the benefits of this bank, the  
maximum savings allowed them being  
£15 per annum.

It remains to be mentioned that in  
pursuing this noble work Lord Roths-  
child is following in the footsteps of  
other members of his family, who have  
supported this school in a princely fash-  
ion since its foundation, fifty-five years  
ago.

## What is Home Without Slippers?

Helena (Mont.) Independent.

He had taken off his boots and was  
down on his hands and knees searching  
for something, when his wife noticed  
him.

"What are you looking for, William?"

she asked.

"My slippers," he replied.

"Oh, I gave those old things away

to-day," she said.

"You gave them away?" he repeat-

ed, and then he added, solemnly:

"Mrs. Miffler, are you trying to drive

me away from home?"

"Of course not, I—"

"What is home without slippers?"

he interrupted. "What is an evening

at home with heavy boots on your

feet? Mrs. Miffler, what do you think

constitutes home?"

"Why, you can get another pair,"

she protested.

"Of course I can," he exclaimed.

"I can get a new pair of stiff soled

slippers, and spend thirty days break-

ing them in."

"The others were torn, and—"

"That's why I liked them! They

were comfortable. When I got them

on things seemed homelike. I was

settled for the evening, and a four

horse team could not get me out again.

But now—now I am ready for the

club, or theatre, or any old place.

Slippers, Mrs. Miffler, help me to make

the difference between the home and

the office, and old slippers make the

difference greatest."

"I can't see why—"

"Of course you can't. No woman

ever can; but I tell you if I were run-

ning things I'd make every woman

take a course in slippers. That is

what is needed more than anything

else in that line. Just slippers—

nothing but slippers."

He got up and stamped around the

room in his stocking feet for a min-  
ute or two, and then put on his boots  
again.

"This isn't home," he said bitterly.

"It isn't a bit like it. I'm going to

the club."

## Sash Weights.

Philadelphia Record.

The ingenuity of man in converting  
the useless odds and ends of industry  
into articles of convenience and utility  
is shown to advantage in the ordinary  
window sash weights. Without these  
a house keeper's life would be a burden,  
but few have any idea of the materials  
of which the weight is composed. The  
one quality on which its utility is based  
is weight, and almost every metal that  
cannot be used in any other fashion  
finds its way into the sash weight. Tin  
cans that are too far gone to be pressed  
out for further preserving uses, old har-  
ness buckles, zinc bath tub linings,  
railroad spikes, rusty telegraph wires,  
broken nails, shattered screens and a  
hundred other remnants spurned by  
the mass of people combine there to  
serve an important public use.

## Rely on Yourself.

The Examiner.

Nothing better could happen to the  
young man who has the right kind of  
grit, than to be thrown on the world  
and his own resources. A well-to-do  
judge once gave his son a thousand  
dollars, and told him to go to college  
and graduate. The son returned at  
the end of the first year, his money  
all gone, and with several extravagant  
habits. At the close of the vacation  
the judge said to his son, "Well, Wil-  
liam, are you going to college this  
year?" "I have no money, father."  
"But I gave you a thousand dollars to  
graduate on." "It is all gone, father."  
"Very well, my son; it is all gone, father."  
"You must now pay your own way in the  
world." A new light broke in upon  
the vision of the young man. He ac-  
commodated himself to the situation;  
again left home, made his way through  
college, graduated at the head of his  
class, studied law, became Governor  
of the State of New York, entered the  
Cabinet of the President of the United  
States, and has made a record that will  
not soon die, for he was none other  
than Wm. H. Seward.

## Cure for Headache.

As a remedy for all forms of Head-  
ache Electric Bitters has proved to be  
the very best. It effects a permanent  
cure and the most dreaded habitual sick  
headaches yield to its influence. We  
urge all who are afflicted to procure a  
bottle, and give this remedy a fair trial.  
In cases of habitual constipation Elec-  
tric Bitters cures by giving the needed  
tone to the bowels, and few cases long  
resist the use of this medicine. Try it  
once. Fifty cents and \$1.00 at E. T.  
Whitehead & Co's Drug Store.

## HERE SHE IS.

WELL, WHO IS SHE?

The Meanest Woman Alive.

Norfolk Virginian.

There is an elderly spinster down in  
Lancaster county, Pa., who has earned  
the reputation of being the meanest  
woman alive, says the New York Sun.

Her whole career has tended in the di-  
rection of upholding her right to this  
unenv